

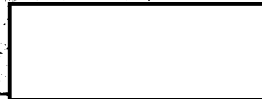
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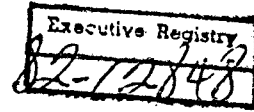

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Mr. William Casey
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Dear Sir,

I would like to request an interview with you on the directions that you have taken the CIA in the last two years, and where you see the agency going in the next two -- its weaknesses and vulnerabilities, as well as its strengths.

I cover military affairs issues for Scripps-Howard Newspapers, a Washington-based news service which has recently been expanded and now has more than 60 daily newspaper clients around the country.

In particular, I am interested in obtaining your assessment of Soviet activities in recent years, both in the military areas and in international affairs where Soviet power seems to be growing in Vietnam and Central America. What sort of military problems have they gotten themselves into in Afghanistan and what has the recent fighting between Israel and Syria shown us about the quality of the weapons they are producing?

I would also like to talk with you about the methodology the CIA uses in determining how much resources the Russians put into military weapons production, and how accurate you feel CIA assessments are of Soviet power. I also note from testimony you have given on Capitol Hill that the CIA is expanding its staff and building a new office building at Langley, apparently as part of a general expansion of intelligence gathering personnel in all intelligence agencies.

I think these issues would require no more than an hour to discuss if you could spare the time out of your busy schedule.

Yours truly

Lance C. Gay



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